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FOLLOWING REPEAT PORT MORESBY 1470 SENT ACTION STATE INFO
CANBERRA SUVA WELLINGTON TOKYO CINCPAC SEP 05.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 1470

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, XP, PP

SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC FISHERIES

1. QUESTION OF SPRFO CAME UP DURING MY TALK WITH PRIME
MINISTER (CURRENTLY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER) AND FOREIGN
SECRETARY SIAGURU TODAY. MAIN SUBJECT WAS ON UNRELATED
MATTER AND SIAGURU BROUGHT UP SPRFO.

2. SIAGURU SAID DRAFT AGREEMENT REACHED IN SUVA IN
JUNE WAS NOT WHAT GPNG HAD ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED BUT
GPNG RECOGNIZED THAT COMPROMISE WAS INEVITABLE AND DRAFT
AGREEMENT WAS ONE GPNG COULD LIVE WITH. FURTHER, GPNG
BELIEVED DRAFT AGREEMENT STOOD GOOD CHANCE OF BEING
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APPROVED AS DRAFTED IN UPCOMING SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM
MEETING IN NIUE. SIAGURU COMMENTED GPNG WAS CONCERNED
THAT SOME FORUM MEMBERS WERE CONSIDERING PROPOSING
CHANGES IN DRAFT AGREEMENT DURING NIUE MEETING, AND GPNG
FEARED WHOLE THING MIGHT BECOME UNRAVELED IF ANY
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES WERE PROPOSED. HE ADDED THAT FIJI
WAS GOING TO PROPOSE SOME COSMETIC AND CLARIFICATION

CHANGES THAT GPNG COULD AGREE TO.

3. I REPLIED THAT I BELIEVED USG WAS OPPOSED TO ANY
TINKERING WITH DRAFT AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY ANY
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES, AND WOULD WANT TO MINIMIZE
DRAFTING CHANGES.

4. SIAGURU SEEMED RELIEVED THAT WE WERE IN ACCORD.
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